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SUBJECT: MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS: MEXICANN
REACTOR PROJECT

REF: STATE 223890, PARA 7

THERE FOLLOW PERTINENT SECTIONS OF AGENCY
DOCUMENT GOV/1808 RELATING TO REQUEST BY
MEXICO FOR TRANSFER OF A RESEARCH AND TRAINING
REACTOR AND ITS FUEL:

(A) PARA 7: NOTES THAT US HAS INDICATED IT
"WOULD BE PREPARED..TO CONSIDER SUPPLYING
THE MATERIAL...AS PART OF ITS GIFT
OFFER" AND CONTINUES AS FOLLOWS: "THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL HAS ACCORDINGLY PROPOSED TO BOTH
GOVERNMENTS THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER
OF THE REACTOR AND FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE FUEL
MATERIAL BE COVERED BY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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THEM AND THE AGENCY ON THE LINES OF AN

AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN 1971
FOR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THE
AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE (INFCIRC/162."

(B) PARA 8 READS IN FULL:

"UNDER THE PROPOSED TRILATERAL AGREEMENT,
THE TRANSFER OF THE REACTOR AND ITS FUEL WOULD
BE EFFECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
AGENCY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS
AMENDED. THE REACTOR AND THE FUEL MATERIAL
WOULD BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AT THE MEXICAN NATIONAL
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED
BY THE AGENCY AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE BETWEEN THE MEXICAN
AND THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES FOR THE DELIVERY
AND INSTALLATION OF THE REACTOR. AS TO THE FUEL
MATERIAL, IT WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO MEXICO
THROUGH THE AGENCY FOR USE IN THE REACTOR
FOLLOWING ALLOCATION BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OF THE MATERIAL AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES GIFT
MATERIAL FOR 1976 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURE. AT SUCH TIME AS THE MATERIAL IS
TRANSFERRED AND LEAVES THE JURISDICTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TITLE THEREOF WOULD
PASS TO THE AGENCY AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER
TO MEXICO".

(C) PARA 9, AFTER REFERRING TO MEXICO'S
EXISTING SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO TLAELCO
AND NPT AND PROVISIONS FOR APPLICATION OF AGENCY'S
SAFETY STANDARDS, READS AS FOLLOWS: "...A NEW
PROVISION WOULD BE INCLUDED WHEREBY MEXICO WOULD
UNDERTAKE TO INFORM THE AGENCY OF THE MEASURES
IT WOULD TAKE FOR ENSURING THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION
OF THE SUPPLIED REACTOR AND THE SUPPLIED MATERIAL.
THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO AND THE U.S. WOULD
AGREE ON THE LEVEL OF SUCH MEASURES, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE AGENCY'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT
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TO THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL."

(D) IN PARA 10, DG RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD:

"(A) APPROVE THE PROJECT...ETC.

"(B) AUTHORIZE HIM TO CONCLUDE AND SUBSEQUENTLY

TO IMPLEMENT A TRILATERAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH
THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO AND THE USA, ON THE LINES

OF THE TEXT REPRODUCED IN DOCUMENT INFCIRC/162,
SUBJECT TO THE REQUISITE ADAPTATION AS OUTLINED

IN PARAS 8-9 ABOVE". LABOWITZ

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